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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0298

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, UR

SUBJ: RESIDENT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO MADAGASCAR

REF: TANANARIVE 0157

1. IN RESPONSE QUERY ABOUT DATE OPENING SOVIET EMBASSY TO MADAGASCAR, LAURENT RADAODY RAKOTONDRAVAO, NEW TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO FONMIN RATSIRAKA, TOLD ME AT RECEPTION 06MAR THAT USSR HAS NOMINATED FIRST RESIDENT AMB TO MADAGASCAR. NAME WHICH HE GAVE WAS SOMETHING LIKE ALEXIYEV (PHONETIC), WHO HE SAID EARLIER SERVED AS FIRST COUNSELOR AND AMB TO CUBA UP TO ABOUT 1968 AND HAS SPENT GOOD DEAL OR PERHAPS ALL OF HIS TIME SINCE IN MOSCOW. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THIS INFO IS BASED ON SOVIET REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. END COMMENT.

2. INTERESTINGLY, DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS RATSIMANDRESY, WHO STANDING WITH US DURING CONVERSATION, KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ABOVE. HE HAD JUST COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS SOVIETS WOULD, LIKE MAINLAND CHINESE, ARRIVE COMPLETELY UNANNOUNCED TO OPEN EMBASSY.

3. FROM TALKS WITH OTHER MALAGASY OFFICIALS, IT IS CLEAR THAT
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NO TYPE OF AID AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED TO DATE BETWEEN

GOMR AND SOVIETS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPT CAN IDENTIFY SOVIET AMBASSADORIAL
NOMINEE FROM DATA ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE BIO INFO.
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